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In re Patent Application of) **Mail Stop ISSUE FEE**
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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

The following remarks are in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed October 7, 2009.

REMARKS

Applicant first wishes to thank Examiner Vu for allowance of claims 1-15, 17, 19-31, 33-40, 42-55, 57, 59 and 60. However, applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's Statement of Reasons of Allowance.

Applicant's independent claim 1 recites an electric breast pump comprising : at least one hood member adapted to be fitted over a breast of a user; a chamber in air communication with said hood member via a first valve; a first motor; a pumping member movable by said first motor to draw air from said hood member into said chamber via said first valve; a milk-receiving bottle in liquid communication with said hood member; and a second valve in air communication with said bottle, wherein said chamber has at least a first opening and a closure member which is movable by said first motor between a first position to close said first opening and a second position in which said first opening is open; and wherein said closure member remains at said first position when said first motor is in operation and remains at said second position when said first motor is not in operation.

Applicant's independent claim 30 recites an electric breast pump comprising: at least one hood member adapted to be fitted over a breast of a user; and a first chamber in air communication with said hood member via a first valve; a first motor; a pumping member movable by said first motor to draw air from said hood member into said chamber via said first valve; a milk-receiving bottle in liquid communication with said hood member; a second valve in air communication with said bottle; and a second chamber in liquid communication with said hood member and said bottle; said second chamber including at least an infrared

(IR) unit, said IR unit including at least one IR transmitter for transmitting IR signals and at least one IR receiver for receiving said IR signals transmitted by said IR transmitter.

Applicant's independent claim 59 recites an electric breast pump including: at least one hood member adapted to be fitted over a breast of a user; a chamber in air communication with said hood member via a first valve; a first motor; a pumping member movable by said first motor to draw air from said hood member into said chamber via said first valve; a milk-receiving bottle in liquid communication with said hood member; and a second valve in air communication with said bottle; and a second motor for selectively opening or closing said second valve wherein said chamber has at least a first opening and a closure member which is movable by said first motor between a first position to close said first opening and a second position in which said first opening is open; and wherein said closure member is at said first position when said first motor is in operation and is at said second position when said first motor is not in operation.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the October 7, 2009 Notice of Allowability should not be interpreted as narrowing the scope of independent claims 1, 30 and 59 to include any limitations that are not explicitly recited therein.

Respectfully submitted,

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